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Individuals who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the ACBSCT Executive Secretary, Remy Aronoff, in advance of the meeting. Mr. Aronoff may be reached by telephone at 301-443-3264, e-mail: Remy.Aronoff@hrsa.hhs.gov or in writing at the address provided below. Management and support services for ACBSCT functions are provided by the Division of Transplantation, Healthcare Systems Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Room 12C-06, Rockville, Maryland 20857; telephone number 301-443-7577.

After the presentations and Council discussions, members of the public will have an opportunity to provide comments. Because of the Council's full agenda and the timeframe in which to cover the agenda topics, public comment will be limited. All public comments will be included in the record of the ACBSCT meeting. Meeting summary notes will be made available on HRSA's Program Web site at http://bloodcell.transplant.hrsa.gov/ABOUT/Advisory_Council/index.html.

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Alexandra Huttinger,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Office of Rural Health Policy; Notice of Meetings

Name: Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HHS.

Dates and Times: April 24, 2009, 8 a.m.—3 p.m. in Albuquerque, NM. May 18, 2009, 8 a.m.—3 p.m. in Seattle, WA. June 26, 2009, 8 a.m.—3 p.m. in Omaha, NE.

Place: The Albuquerque Marriott, 2101 Louisiana Boulevard, NE., Albuquerque, NM 87110, Phone: 505-881-6800.

The Seattle Airport Marriott, 3201 South 176th Street, Seattle, WA 98188, Phone: 206-241-2000.

The Omaha Marriott, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114, Phone: 402-399-9000.

Status: The meetings will be open to the public.

Purpose: The Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) will hold a series of meetings to gather information on potential definitions of the terms Frontier or Remote Areas.

Currently the most widely used definition within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requires that the population density of a county consist of six or fewer persons per square mile. The use of whole counties as the unit of measurement can lead to inclusion of large population centers in large area counties that still have a low overall population density.

Use of population density alone as a measure of remoteness is also inappropriate for islands as the population density can far exceed 6 persons per square mile even though the island is isolated and lacks access to services and resources.

ORHP has used the Rural-Urban commuting area (RUCA) codes to identify rural areas located in Metropolitan counties. Metropolitan counties are defined by the Office of Management and Budget of the White House but can contain substantial rural areas due to geographic barriers, distance or other factors. RUCAs are based on a sub-county unit, the Census Tract, and take into account population density, urbanization, and daily commuting patterns. Every Census tract is assigned a code based on these factors. While ORHP has chosen to define Metropolitan tracts with RUCA codes from 4 through 10 as "rural" for purposes of grant eligibility, the codes have not been used to identify "Frontier" or remote areas.

In order to pursue a more accurate definition of Frontier/Remote areas, ORHP has entered into agreements with L. Gary Hart and the Economic Research Service (ERS) of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Dr. Hart and ERS also developed the RUCAs with support from ORHP. As work on this definition proceeds ORHP will hold a series of meetings to gather information from interested parties and the public.

While a robust, quantitative definition of Frontier/Remote areas may have future programmatic uses, the immediate goal of ORHP and ERS is to make this work available for research purposes.

For Further Information Contact: Direct requests for additional information to Mr. Steven Hirsch, Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy, Room 9A-55, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-7322. E-mail: shirsch@hrsa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Part C Early Intervention Services Grant Under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of noncompetitive transfer of Part C funds from Cathedral Healthcare System to Saint Michael's Medical Center.

SUMMARY: HRSA will be transferring Part C funds to Saint Michael's Medical Center as a noncompetitive replacement award in order to ensure continuity of critical HIV medical care and treatment services and to avoid a disruption of HIV clinical care to clients in Metropolitan Newark, and Essex County in New Jersey.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Grantee of record:* Cathedral Healthcare System.

Intended recipient of the award: Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, New Jersey.

Amount of the award: \$537,607 to ensure ongoing clinical services to the target population.

Authority: Section 2651 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300ff-51.

CFDA Number: 93.918.

Project period: April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2010. The period of support for the replacement award is from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

Justification for the Exception to Competition: Critical funding for HIV medical care and treatment services to clients in Metropolitan Newark and Essex County in New Jersey will be continued through a noncompetitive supplement to Saint Michael's Medical Center, a prior sub-contractor of Cathedral Healthcare System, the grantee of record in Newark, New Jersey. This is a temporary replacement award as the previous grant recipient serving this population notified HRSA that they will not continue providing services after March 31, 2009. The Cathedral Healthcare System, the former grantee, has ceased governance and operations of its three hospitals. Saint Michael's Medical Center is the best qualified recipient for this supplement, as it already serves most of the former grantee's patients ensuring continuity of care, and can continue to provide critical services with the least amount of disruption to the service population while the service area is re-competed.

This supplement will cover the time period from April 1, 2009, through